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INFECTIONS BY INHIBITING ENERGY STORAGE AND
UTILIZATION

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Honorable Commissioner
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August 9, 2003

Sir:

I, Dr. Robert Gunsalus of the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics, UCLA, Los Angeles, Ca. USA, do hereby declare the following:

I have attached a copy of my curriculum vitae to this Declaration.

I am a professor of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics, and I direct a microbiology research laboratory conducting the experiments on the type of organisms described below.

I am also familiar with this area of bacterial research dealing with metabolism and biochemistry of *Escherichia coli* in response to metabolic signals and environmental stress.

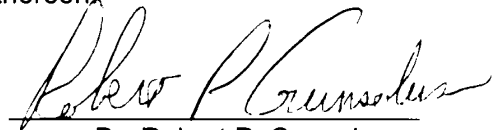
I have read and understand the research publication entitled "Identification of GTP as a physiological relevant inhibitor of *Escherichia coli* ADP-glucose synthetase" that was published in Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications volume 122, No 1., 1984 pp289-296.

The following comments are offered in support of the patentability of the instant invention.

The Escherichia coli strains used in the above study are variants of *E. coli* strain B, and are not considered hazardous to researchers using them in the microbiological laboratory for biochemical experiments. Rather, they are laboratory strains derived from *E. coli* strain B for the purposes of studying the regulation and synthesis of glycogen, a microbial energy storage material. The strains do not require special handling or storage precautions reserved for pathogenic strains and thus are ideal for the described microbiological research addressing enzyme activity.

The undersigned hereby declares that all statements made herein based upon knowledge are true, and that all statements made based upon information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


DATED: August 11, 2003


Dr. Robert P. Gunsalus

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